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SUBJ: BURMA CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

REF: RANGOON 3776

1. MOFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL U SAW HLAING RECEIVED AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 28 FOR WHAT WAS ASSUMED TO BE A COURTESY CALL. IN FACT, PURPOSE OF THE MEETING, THE TIMING OF WHICH WAS AT SEW HLAING'S INITIATIVE, WAS TO INFORM US THAT GUB'S DESIRED TIME FRAME FOR THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE GROUP SESSION IS NOW JANUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 20. AS NOTED REFTTEL, THE PERIOD JANUARY 18 TO FEBRUARY 10 HAD BEEN PROPOSED INITIALLY. SAW HLAING OFFERED NO REASON FOR EXTENDING THE PERIOD OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THIS PERIOD WOULD BE CONVENIENT. POSSIBLY GUB THINKS THIS IS A COURTESY AND/OR INDUCEMENT TO THE DONOR NATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH IBRD WILL ULTIMATELY DETERMINE TIMING OF MEETING AND INFORM GUB THROUGH ITS CHANNELS, AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED IN ORDER THAT HE MAY BE RESPONSIVE SHOULD SAW HLAING INQUIRE.

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2. DCM REMARKED THAT THERE WAS SOME OPINION AMONG DONORS THAT MEETING MIGHT BE MORE FRUITFUL AFTER FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET IN MARCH AND AFTER ADOPTION OF THE THIRD FOUR-YEAR PLAN. SAW HLAING RESPONDED THAT SUCH TIMING WAS NOT NECESSARY AS THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN ECONOMIC POLICIES AND STOPPED JUST SHORT OF SAYING THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE OF SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PERSONALITIES. IT

WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE WAS REFERRING TO BASIC POLICIES OR SIMPLY
TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN PRESENTED TO THE DONOR
S
AND THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE FOUR-YEAR PLAN. IT WAS VERY CLEAR,
HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PURSUE A DISCUSSION OF POLICY.

3. COMMENT. ANOTHER PUZZLING BURMESE ENCOUNTER. A TORTUOUS AND
UNNECESSARY BALLET WAS DANCED TO GET THE AMBASSADOR TOGETHER WITH
SAW HLAING FOR A PURPOSE WHOSE SIGNIFICANCE DOES NOT SPRING IMMEDIATELY TO MIND. END COMMENT.
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